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Subject: I oppose media concentration!

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Dear sirhadarn:

I am writing to you as a graduate student at the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, where I study media systems in comparative international perspective.

That perspective helps **us** carefully consider the effects of structuring media systems everywhere along the spectrum from complete state monopoly, of the kind found in totalitarian states, to nearly complete lack of regulation, which leads to corporate oligopoly or monopoly across all forms of media. The comparative literature is clear: neither one of these extremes is desirable.

The state must not interfere with the free press, meaning censorship of content should not take place. At the same time, the state must regulate ownership in order to avoid media monopoly, duopoly, or oligopoly. One, two, or a very small number of corporations controlling television, radio, print, and internet channels is emphatically NOT an ownership structure that contributes to the freedom and diversity of expression America prides herself on.

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The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition, I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA in February 2003. I strongly encourage the Commission to hold similar hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions. I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you

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I urge the FCC to preserve the public interest by keeping the media ownership rules in question intact.

Also, I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA in February of 2003. I strongly encourage the Commission to hold similar hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public. The rarified, lawyerly atmosphere of an FCC rulemaking is not an appropriate decision-making venue when questions as profound as the freedom of our media are at stake. I encourage the Commissioners to come out and meet some of the people who do not have a financial interest in this issue, but a social interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is important that the Commission take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process. Thank you.

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